

# ROMANIA

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## Key figures

**175,331 refugees** obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 31 October 2024).

**17,453 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2024 and 2025.

**24,097 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

**9,286 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2024.

“The holiday season in Bucharest with the Romanian community was truly touching. We felt truly welcome, even if we are far from home. Sharing meals and stories reminded us that this period is about unity and hope.

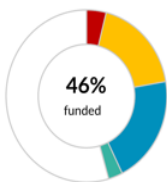
– Galina, refugee from Ukraine residing in Bucharest.

## Funding Situation

As of 30 November 2024

**\$54.3 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



## Highlight

On 10 January, UNHCR Romania launched the 2025 Grant Agreement [Call for Expression of Interest: Creating new opportunities for partnerships with refugee-led organisations and community-based organizations](#). The purpose of the programme is to strengthen community engagement efforts by supporting and empowering grass roots organizations involved in advocacy, protection, and assistance services at the community level in Romania. The organizations will actively contribute to the implementation of the 2024- 2026 UNHCR Multi-Year Strategy for the protection and inclusion of refugees in Romania. In 2024, the Grant Agreement programme supported eight organizations activating in six locations across the country (Bucharest, Sibiu, Mediaş, Arad, Suceava and Galați). Throughout the year, around 2,500 women, children, teenagers and elderly have benefitted of various services and activities.



Ukrainian children taking part in art therapy activities in Galați, Romania. © UNHCR

## Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 27 December, UNHCR together with Putere, Unitate, Speranță, a refugee-led organisation in Romania, organised an event for Ukrainian children at UNHCR Service Hub in Galați. Around 25 refugee children were provided with psychosocial support and took part in drawing and art therapy activities meant to foster their creativity and create a safe space for artistic expression and emotional well-being, while also encouraging social interaction and teamwork. Throughout 2024, UNHCR established eight partnerships with refugee-led organisations, in order to support their activities throughout Romania.

[UNHCR continues to support vulnerable Ukrainian families and individuals with cash assistance programmes](#). Refugees are enrolled through enrolment centres and mobile missions across 13 counties in Romania, with 15,454 individuals receiving cash assistance through different cash programmes in 2024. More recently, UNHCR started a cash for winter programme for vulnerable refugees to help them cope with the increased seasonal expenses. Since the beginning of 2025, 40 refugees from Ukraine have been enrolled in the cash for winter programme that will continue until March 2025.

[UNHCR and partners continue assisting refugees from Ukraine through employment and language training programmes](#). In January 2025, Project Voyager, a UNHCR partner, successfully registered 96 new candidates on the Jobs4Ukraine platform, further supporting refugees in Romania as they integrate into the local labour market. In addition, seven Ukrainian refugees in Braşov received support from World Vision in obtaining Romanian language certification, enhancing their integration into the host community, and supporting them in finding an employment.

[In December, UNHCR together with the Romanian National Council for Refugees \(CNRR\) organised two community-focused events for Ukrainian refugees in Galați and Brăila](#). Over 160 participants addressed questions and concerns while CNRR explained relevant legislative regulations, presented the range of activities offered by CNRR, while a representative from the Galați Regional Agency Against Trafficking provided information on human trafficking risks. UNHCR held an information session to announce the relocation of the field office from Galati to Constanța.

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